

intangibles too. That's not the debate right here. You simply cannot say from the beginning some people, you know, it's the old George Orwell, some people are more equal than others, you can't do it that way. Everybody is on the table or they're not.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Mr. Speaker, how do I follow that? Such eloquence. You know, I think the last time I checked my district I think I checked...I represent both ag interests and business and I hope I continue to do so, and I hope I am not one of those senators who bring forth to you an argument for either side individually, but for all of those interests together. And I agree with Senator Moore, I agree with Senator Hall, I think everything needs to be considered together in a solution to the taxing problem that we have. I don't believe we're doing this in the Hall amendment. I believe that we're starting here to treat certain segments of our economy different than we're treating others and so I rise to oppose the Hall amendment. When my predecessor who sat here before me, Senator Morehead, who voted on 775, supported that legislation, I wasn't sure that she was correct. I honestly wasn't sure that she was doing the right thing, but as I have watched the effect of 775 on the people that I represent in the 30th Legislative District, I think she did absolutely the correct thing. The benefits that have accrued to both Beatrice and Fairbury in my district have been substantial. I don't think this is the place to fiddle with 775. I think it needs to be laid on the table with the entire package, but not here piecemeal. Let's do it together in a long-term solution. As I bring to representatives of this body my need for the entire State of Nebraska to be helped by this state in the terms of reimbursements and the loss by the centrally assessed taxpayers in the '89 suit, everybody tells me we can't deal with that now. You have to wait for the long-term solution. I concur with that and I think 775 should be treated the same way and I will be consistent in that regard. It's not that I don't think we need to look at it, but this is not the time nor the place to do it and I will oppose the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I know that Senator Hall is sincere in bringing this amendment to us, but I just...I want to reiterate that we're sending the wrong